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Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. A discussion of the JP '060 document is provided in the background section of the application.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106.

Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the pros cution of this application and mad of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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References	Disclosed in the specification?		Сору			Translation	
					Please	_	Not
	Yes	No	Enc.	Follow	obtain	Enc.	avail- able
1. JP A 63-236258	x	x				X (Abstract)	
2. JP A 5-335018	x	x				X (Abstract)	
3. JP A 9-161844	х	x				X (Abstract)	
4. JP A 4-322060	x	_ x				X (Abstract)	